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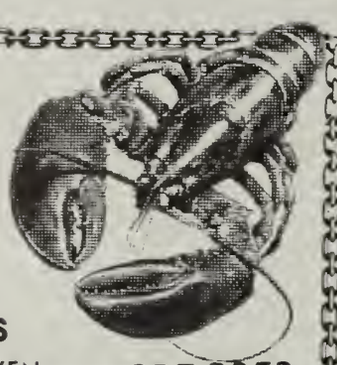

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Old Rochester cheerleaders are pictured with the trophy they won at the David Prouty Cheering Tournament last Saturday. Shown left to right are Lorna Waddington, Barbara Hardy, Aldora Mendes, Johanna Teachman, Alicia Crabbe, captain; Beverly Andrews, Brenda Kinney and Laura Escobar. Absent when the picture was taken was Joanne Bessette. Substitute cheerleaders are Cheryl Dubreuil and Roxanne Wood.

BOATS RETURN TO WATER BOTTOM

The bleak appearance of the wharf is gone for the season as several boats are already moored at the wharf and more are launched. Cover shows "Cobra" sliding down the ramp on Monday morning at Mattapoisett wharf. Note the kibitzers' benches newly installed for boat watchers.

CHEERLEADERS PLACE SECOND

The Old Rochester Regional High School cheerleaders participated in the David Prouty Cheering Tournament on Saturday, March 12th. The tournament was held in Spencer, Mass. The cheerleaders have participated in this contest for two years. Last year they placed third out of nine schools, and this year they placed second out of twelve schools. There were a number of students and parents from Old Rochester present despite the snow and the distance.

TOWN HALL - MATTAPOISETT

The Board of Selectmen of Mattapoisett would be very happy to receive the name of anyone who is interested in being appointed to the Committee studying the feasibility of the establishing of a Department of Public Works for the Town.

The Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police would also like to receive the name of anyone interested in serving as a Policewoman.

David N. Haley has been appointed chairman of the Board of Selectmen and John Field has

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been appointed clerk. George White has been appointed chairman of the Board of Public Welfare and John Field, clerk.

TOWN COUNSEL RULING ON TRAIL

The Old Town Trail has been ruled by Leonard Perry, town counsel, to be not a public way. The town, according to this ruling, has no authority to grant permission for the Water Department to install a water line on this trail.

GRANGE MEMBERS VISIT NEWPORT POMONA

Eight Sippican Pomona Grange members visited Newport County Pomona at Aquidneck Grange, near Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The lecturer's afternoon program featured "Spring's a-coming", and brought forth many odd articles found in housecleaning. The evening program was "It's the Irish in Us". The Sippican visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bower, Mrs. Leila B. Sherman, Mrs. Edna L. Borden, of Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Morris of Mattapoisett; Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Roderick of Fairhaven. Mr. Bower is a State Grange Deputy and Mr. Roderick is Master of Fairhaven Grange.

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shaw jewelry. There will be two showings of the film "Whaler Out of New Bedford" at 8:15 and 9:15, and there will be demonstrations of some pioneer crafts in the Museum auditorium.

"This is an open invitation to anyone and everyone to come and see what is going on at the Museum", Director George Bowditch said. "There are a great many people around who have never been in the Museum or who haven't been in years and we hope that they will take advantage of this opportunity. For the first time, all areas of the Museum, from the attic to the basement, will be open for inspection: the work shop, storage vaults, library, even the furnace rooms - wherever you wish to poke and pry - this is your chance to get behind the scenes and see first hand the progress as well as the problems of the Museum".

The full Museum Staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and show you around. Light refreshments will be served in the "Lagoda" Room.

The music for the evening is being made possible through the generosity of the Music Performance Trust Funds in cooperation with Local #214 of the American Federation of Musicians.

Music for the evening will be provided by the New Bedford Concert Orchestra under the direction of Harrie Johnston. Tim Richards will be on hand to demonstrate the manufacture of scrim-

GRANGE MEETING

Mattapoisett Grange held its bi-monthly meeting last Thursday night in the Grange Hall. Hon ored guests were Paul Ouellette, Pomona representative, who announced the Pomona will meet in Mattapoisett Grange Hall Saturday, April 2nd, at 3:30 P.M.; Clayton Westgate, a member of

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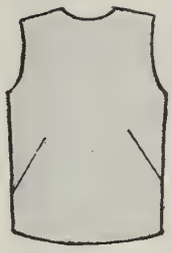

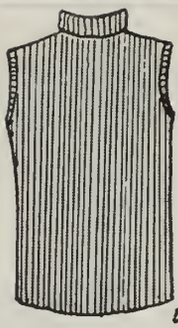

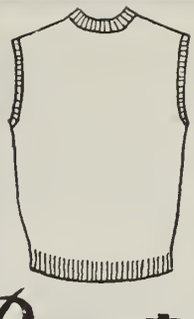

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the State Grange Youth Committee, who spoke of the Youth work being done in this section of the State; Mrs. Ann Cleveland, master of O-Ne-Set Grange, who announced her Booster Night program for Monday night, March 28th, when Barry Denham will be the speaker for "Youth". The master of Fairhaven Grange, Manuel Rodrick, announced the play the youth of his Grange is presenting for the State Youth contest.

Mrs. Ruby Barber reported a rummage sale to be held in the Grange Hall April 16th from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. for the painting fund. She also announced a check for $5.00 has been sent for the Heart Fund, the State Grange Health program.

Get well cards have been sent to the ill members and plans for the Easter remembrances for the Grange shut-ins was reported by Mrs. Otto Kellish, chairman.

The agricultural and conservation report was a combined discussion by Barry Denham and Mrs. Atkinson of the committees.

Past Junior Master, William Sylvia, and Edward Alves were voted to become members of the Subordinate Grange subject to initiation.

The first and second degrees will be conferred upon them in Acushnet Tuesday night, April 5th. It was voted to give the use of the Hall to the Explorer Troop of Boy Scouts for a social and dance Saturday, March 26th.

Mrs. Dorothy Silva was reported ill in Union Hospital, New Bedford. Mrs. Ruth Shaw received the ways and means mystery package.

The lecturer's program opened with recorded songs "lipsync" by Robert Ouellette, lecturer of Rochester Grange.

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Donald Marvin and Floyd Tinkham of the Town Conservation Committee were guest speakers, and were presented by Mrs. Clifford Atkinson, Conservation chairman for the Grange.

Mr. Marvin gave some very worthwhile information on the work being done by the Town Committee, including future plans they would very much like to see carried out for the welfare of the town.

Mr. Tinkham took over the question and answer period, helping the Grange in giving information on the procedure of carrying out the Grange Conservation project on obtaining permission from landowners, so some of the members could fulfill its project, cleaning up the banks along this end of the Mattapoisett River by the bridge on River Road before the boat race on May 30th.

The project will be in conjunction with the request of the State Committee for May, "Keep Massachusetts Beautiful".

Herbert LaFleur, overseer of Acushnet Grange, presented a St. Patrick quiz, scrambled Irish words and closing with all singing Irish songs. During the social hour, refreshments of cake and coffee were served by Mr. and Mrs. William Smith.

The next meeting, April 7th, will be Home and Community Service Night with the chairman, Mrs. Ruby Barber, in charge of arrangements.

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A recount of votes for the office of Wharf Commissioner resulted in the same count as was made in the original tally. William Suzan, 575, and Robert Silveira, 572.

BEACH BANK FOR MATTAPOISETT (EDITORIAL)

Mattapoisett, once the question of ownership is settled, has a natural resource which will bring great pleasure to future residents. One of the last pieces of shore property, available to the village proper, will have been acquired for use by all the people of the town. The Conservation Committee, which sponsored the legislation to acquire the property, went to great lengths to protect the Reservation Golf Club's interests. The buffer zone separation of the beach from Reservation Road should avoid a bad nuisance for the golfers. Since most of the golf club's membership are residents of the town, their wives and children and the families of future members of the Club will enjoy the beach together with the rest of the town. The Conservation Committee, in avocation of this step, emphasized that the beach was for the future. If this is true. <u>If the beach can be left alone</u> in its present state for a number of years, it will be a good acquisition. Too many times in the past we have found the future to be as close as the following annual town meeting. The Ned's Point property, which was a wonderful recreation area in its natural state, is now being strangled in "improvements"

If the town can resist the temptation to rush into highway development, black top parking lot , comfort station building, life guard protection, dredging, riprapping and groin construction for the new beach, then we have a good bargain. This beach was presented as something to put in the bank for the future.

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YEARS AGO by C.M.

150 Years Ago -- 1816

Pestilence and Famine

The people of the little village of 40 houses had gone through two and a half years of war which had ruined their maritime commerce and shipbuilding business, and witnessed enemy attacks on the village itself. When peace had been declared in February, 1815, the men had turned to; all during the summer the shipyards had boomed. Prosperity was just around the corner when--boom!--the greatest hurricane of the century smashed their trading vessels, destroyed their salt works--a most serious economic loss--,floated their nearly completed new hulls off the stocks, scattering them all over the streets of the lower village, and left the shipyards a shambles. Surely it must have seemed to the people of the village and the surrounding farms as if fortune had crushed them sufficiently for a while.

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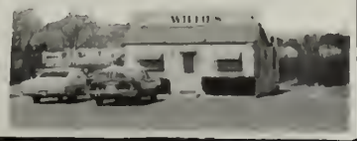

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Abraham Holmes in his Memoirs records some of the features of the epidemic: "This disorder fell more on the robust part of the population than on the more delicate; no one of sedentary life had it. This was a most distressing time; no one knew whose turn would be next and the doctors were totally ignorant of what to do and generally did more harm than good....For a considerable time it caused in a good degree a suspension of business."

One unique feature of the disease was that it rarely touched a child; on the other hand, an inscription on a gravestone in the cemetery tells us it mortally struck 60 heads of families in Mattapoisett. Mr. Holmes continues: "Esq. Ruggles went to Boston and got Dr. Mann who was acquainted with the disorder. He totally altered the treatment, and while he was here the disorder abated and finally disappeared."

Then:--Eighteen-Hundred-and Froze-to-Death. The year 1816 was remembered for generations as the coldest year ever known in New England. Particularly it was unique in that there was a frost every month of the year--bad ones in July and August--all through the New England States, New York, and westward. Almost all crops were a total failure. Although the sloops and schooners brought cargoes of corn, flour, and other provisions from the South, many people were hungry for months.

One man named Shaw on his farm on the Neck was the only farmer for miles around who succeeded in raising any corn. The next spring farmers drove from as far away as Dartmouth, Lakeville, and Middleboro to buy seed corn from him. Although they offered him all kinds of money, he would sell just so much for just such a price to each person.

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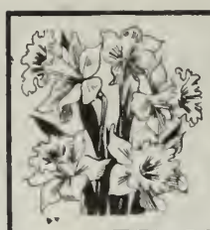

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ROCHESTER BOWLING LEAGUE, MARCH 15

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CIRCLE OBSERVES 6th ANNIVERSARY

Members of Hilltop Friendship Circle observed the Circle's sixth anniversary at the Sunday-School rooms where a delicious covered dish luncheon was served.

A social hour followed an a short business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Ruth W. Shaw, the president.

Plans were made for the luncheon to be served when Long Plain Preparative Meeting is held at East Mattapoisett Meeting-House in April.

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By the end of May the epidemic was over; and from then on, in spite of crop failures, the town was humming with much building of all kinds. The hurricane had blown off the roof of the Meeting House at John Jenny's corner, and since the center of the town was now definitely the present village by the wharves, the Congregational Church built its new Meeting House (present Grange Hall) on Main Street at the entrance to the village.

For the same reason, for the first time a road was laid out providing a direct link from Hammo town to the newer village--between the Herring Weir and this new Meeting House. Before this time all ox teams and horseback travel had to go up the River Road and back down the Acushnet Road. The dam at the Herring Weir was quite a long causeway and must have been wide enough to accomodate an ox team, for one mill was half way across the river, and the other on the east bank. For the same reason there must have been at the weir a wooden bridge wide enough for teams.

JUNIOR GRANGE MEETING

The Mattapoisett Junior Grange met Friday night, March 18th, with the worthy master, Wayne Sylvia, presiding.

For Home and Community Service work it was voted to send $1.00 to CARE and $1.00 to the Greek Team project. This comes under the third quarter of the Junior projects, emphasizing "Now in the Hour for World Understanding". The aim: Focus attention on need for world understanding, encourage sharing with Greek Team, international relations and learn more about foreign students.

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The Juniors are presenting a program for the Pomona afternoon meeting on Saturday, April 2nd. A rehearsal will be held in the Grange Hall this Thursday at 4 o'clock. All officers are requested to be there.

Movies were shown at the close of the meeting, and apples were served for refreshments.

The next meeting, April 8th, will be on a regular meeting night. A surprise program will be arranged by the assistant matron, matron, master and lecturer.

FINE ARTS GROUP MEETING

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club Fine Arts Group is looking forward to the April 13th meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. David Todd at 10 o'clock on the morning of that date. The speaker will be Mr. George Bowditch, noted director of the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

At the March 16th Fine Arts Group meeting a colorful event was enjoyed by 16 members and guests at the home of Mrs. George B. Mock, Jr. and Mrs. George E. Unhock, Sr. Chinese and Japanese treasures from homes in Mattapoisett and Marion brought for display, included embroidered robes, shawls, rare prints, an antique animal scroll, ceramics, including cloisonne, ivories, examples of fine lacquer, a music box, model of Hokaido College, Japan wall decor, a most colorful example, and an embroidered screen was mounted on the wall of

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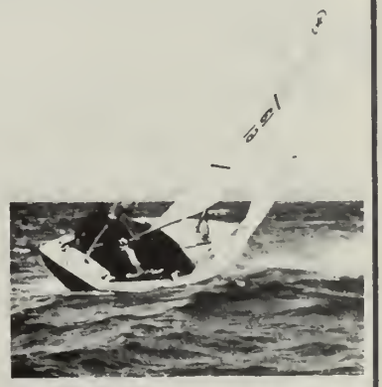

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the living room where the group was entertained. Not previously mentioned were the contributions from Mrs. Paul Bradley of an exquisite Geisha Girl doll and from Mrs. Kenneth Wood whose display showed wrought silver, high colored gold embroidered kimona, a pair of Chinese vases from the past; also appreciated were carved figures playing at "Go-Go" from Mrs. Clark Allen of Marion, while Miss Dorothy Fox brought the diminutive fozes in wood and in stone which are reverenced as household gods in their native Japan. The Tokaida of Hiroshige in two forms was exhibited in book form, as well as an original Hiroshige print and a wide range of books, showing art forms.

The program held several brief talks. Participants included Miss Clara Beetle on Clipper Ship Trade, Mrs. George Bowditch, guest, remarks concerning an Antique Animal Scroll; Mrs. Albert D. Furnans on Print Making; Dr. Helen Mitchell on "The Tokaida", famous Japanese road, celebrated by Hiroshige; Miss Dorothy Fox, Japanese Household Gods; Miss Lydia LeB. Walker, chairman, on available books on Chinese and Japanese Art in local libraries, copies of which were present in the display.

The hostesses, Mrs. Unhock and Mrs. Mock, had the "stage set" with golden Chrysanthemums on the dining table where coffee was served. Yellow carnations were in the hall, as well as with the many choice porcelain wall and shelf ornaments that reflected the Chinese and Japanese theme, to be enjoyed in their home, so graciously shared for the occasion.

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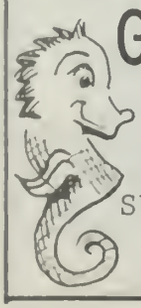
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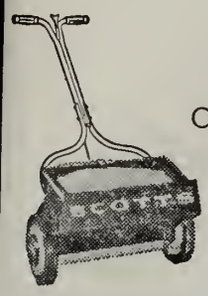
Edward A. Nunes, 4, of Ryder Road, Rochester, holds the white hen which lays blue eggs.



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Maureen's first official duty after winning the Miss Wareham title was to appear at the Miss Dartmouth Pageant where she was interviewed by WNBH and made an appearance on stage. Her next appearance was at the Miss Massa-

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29	0:46	1:22	6:16	6:28
30	1:58	2:34	7:28	7:46

chusetts Ball at the New Bedford Hotel. Since that time she has appeared extensively in local fashion shows and at various civic and social events for the Wareham Chamber of Commerce. One of her most recent appearances was at the Wareham Chamber of Commerce dinner held at the Harbor Beach Lodge at which she was a hostess.

Upcoming events include the Wareham Trade Show held this March 21, 22 and 23 at the Wareham Town Hall, where she will draw the winning ticket each night, and also May 10 when she will appear at the Tobey Hospital Guild Fashion Show. Miss Wareham will be appearing at the Rochester Woman's Club Antique Show to be held at the Rochester Woman's Club April 1, 2 and 3.

On May 6 Maureen and several of the contestants for the Miss Wareham Pageant to be held May 7 at the Wareham Town Hall, will be interviewed on WTEV, Channel 6, New Bedford, during the Bob Bassett Community Hour. Maureen has many words of advice for the 1966

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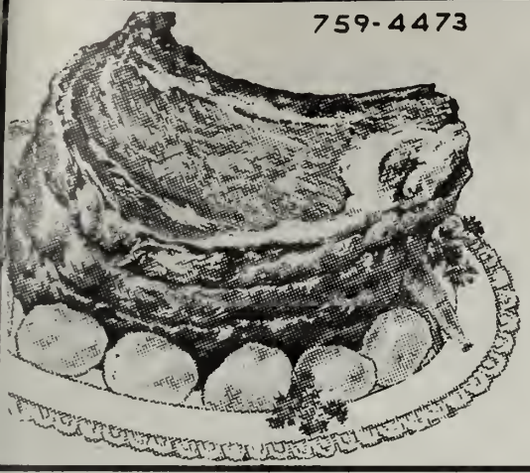

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